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SENATOR KOCH: I visited with the Clerk earlier this morning about the possibility of suspending the rules. However, since that time, it has been brought to my attention that this section may be applicable to the resolution and what I want to do. A resolution, and I would like to have it referred to the Committee for a hearing, and as I understand it, it takes 25 votes.

CLERK: You will have to get rid of the requirement, Senator, that the resolution lays over for one day.

PRESIDENT: It has to lay over one day regardless of what you do.

CLERK: So you have to suspend that rule...

PRESIDENT: Unless the rules are suspended.

SENATOR KOCH: I will proceed under that rule, then, Mr. Clerk and Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: All right. Are you ready to vote on the proposal?

CLERK: So the motion is, Mr. President, to suspend Rule 4, section 5 so that the resolution can be considered today.

PRESIDENT: I think under, is that section 5 or 6 under the new change, Mr. Clerk? You have heard the motion. Shall the rules be suspended for consideration at this time? Record your vote. This requires 30 votes. Please vote. Record.

CLERK: 32 ayes, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: All right. The rules are suspended so that we can now discuss the proposition which is to refer this resolution to an Interim Study Committee, is that...all right. Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. President, my request is now to refer this resolution to the Standing Committee which is mentioned in the resolution. I think it takes 25 votes.

PRESIDENT: Yes. Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would oppose what Senator Koch is trying to do in one meeting and I would hope he would understand and maybe I don't understand what he is getting at because he hasn't explained it too well. I think if he reads in the bottom part of his resolution, and I am sincere in this. I hope you follow me on it, Senator Koch. You have got in about the third or fourth line to review the current fire safety codes and regulations. You cannot do that in one session. It would be an impossibility to do justice to what you want to do. I think that what, if you'd want to do,